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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 11, 14 and 26-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 11, 14 and 26-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is reference to response received 15 July 2005 to the office action mailed 04 October 2005. There are 14 claims, claims 1 – 7, 11, 14 and 26 – 30 pending for examination.

Response to Arguments

Applicant is arguing amended claims. Applicant's arguments and concerns with respect to amended claims 1 – 7, 11, 14 and 26 – 30 and have been responded in response to the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 – 7, 11, 14 and 26 – 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eisenhart US Publication 2001/0047276.

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Regarding claims 1 and 26, Eisenhart teaches system and method for efficiently matching resources required to establish businesses and business facilities through the Internet. Eisenhart teaches:

providing an electronic hub system configured to communicate with at least a-one resource provider [Fig. 3 and disclosure associated with Fig. 3];

communicatively coupling said resource provider with said electronic hub system [Fig. 1 and disclosure associated with Fig. 1];

examining a plurality of items of said resource provider to certify said resource provider as being able to provide at least one of capital, land building rental, management groups, rules and regulations, administrative ideas, and business plans;

Eisenhart does not explicitly teach resource provider as being able to provide from a group consisting of capital, land building rental, management groups, rules and regulations, administrative ideas, and business plans (i.e. limiting system and method to be used within the specific group of items). However, Eisenhart teaches resource provider as being able to provide from a group consisting of atleast capital;

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Eisenhart and expand the group by adding additional elements in the groups to make the system and method available to plurality of types of suppliers and requesters.

Eisenhart with the expansion of group teaches:

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storing a record of said certified resource provider in said electronic hub system [Fig. 6, 7A and disclosure associated with Fig. 6, 7A]; and

matching said resource provider according to said record of said resource provider with other certified resource providers having a record saved in said electronic hub system [Fig. 7B and disclosure associated with Fig. 7B]

collecting and analyzing records of said certified resource providers factory [Fig. 7B and disclosure associated with Fig. 7B]; and

implementing matches and business plans for said certified resource provider based on similarities to business models of the other certified resource providers enable efficient obtainment of resources necessary for establishing a company or a factory [Fig. 7B and disclosure associated with Fig. 7B].

Regarding claim 2 and 27, Eisenhart teaches establishing an electronic contract for said resource provider [0090].

Regarding claim 3, Eisenhart teaches electronic hub system comprises an electronic hub and a data storage device [Fig. 2,3 and disclosure associated with Fig. 2, 3].

Regarding claim 4, Eisanhart teaches data storage device comprises a plurality of databases built therein (known to one of ordinary skill in the art that DBMS like Oracle, Sybase etc. allows users to create plurality of databases on the

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storage device upon which the DBMS is installed) [Fig. 6 and disclosure associated with Fig. 6].

Regarding claims 5 and 28, as responded to earlier in response to claim 4, Eisenhart teaches capability for database to comprise:

- a resource database and said record of said resource provider stored therein;

- a certified resource database having said record of said certified resource provider with said items;

- a business model database having a plurality of business models of enterprises; and

- a plan database having at least a business plan combining said record of said resource provider with said business models of enterprises.

Regarding claims 6 and 29, Eisenhart teaches:

- defining a priority of said business plans according to similarities to said business models of said certified resource providers [0061];

- saving said business plans in said electronic hub system [Fig. 7A and disclosure associated with Fig. 7A];

- sending said business plans to said resource providers certified [Fig. 7D and disclosure associated with Fig. 7D]; and

- displaying said business plans [claim 6].

Regarding claim 7, as responded to earlier, Eisenhart teaches capability wherein said resource provider comprises a capital provider.

Regarding claim 11, Eisenhart teaches capability wherein items comprises an official document related to said resource provider [0054].

Regarding claims 14 and 30, Eisenhart teaches:

- logging in said electronic hub system [0012];
- selecting a class for said resource provider [Registration Form, Fig. 7A and disclosure associated with Fig. 7A];
- selecting a scope for said resource provider [Registration Form, Fig. 7A and disclosure associated with Fig. 7A];
- assigning an identification number to said resource provider [Fig. 7A and disclosure associated with Fig. 7A]; and
- saving said record of said resource provider in said electronic hub system [Fig. 7A and disclosure associated with Fig. 7A].

Conclusion

Applicant is required under 37 CFR '1.111 (c) to consider the references fully when responding to this office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naresh Vig whose telephone number is (571)

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272-6810. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 6:00

(Wednesday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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